

A

REVIEW

OF THE

STATE

OF THE

BRITISH NATION.

Thursday, January 3. 1712.

OUR Divisions are now come to a formidable height, and every good Man trembles at the Byend; he alone that can bring Meat out of the Eater, and Good out of Evil, can bring Safety out of the Threatned Destruction, and Order out of this Confusion.

A miserable divided Nation we have been for many Years past, but never in such a manner as we are now; the Animosities are so great, that the Parties stick at nothing to Overthrow one another; nothing is so Vile, they do not Reproach one another with; nothing so Barbarous they will not say of one another, and do, to oppose

one another; nor can I see which Side to blame most.

I do confess I cannot go the lengths which those, *who still now I always thought in the Right*, push their Party Feuds; and I must bear their Resentment, which I feel in all the bitter unjust Reproaches imaginable; but I choose to bear it, rather than sell and mortgage Temper, Moderation, Principle, and every Thing — Let us see a little what they are doing on both Sides, and in how unaccountable a manner every Party pursues their private Views.

1. *Whigs*

1. *Whigs, ZEALOUS WHIGS!* rather than not carry on the Irreconcilable Aversion they profess, to the present Management of Affairs, sell their Friends to buy their Enemies, and give up the *Dissenters* to the Rage of the most Inveterate *Tories*; and all this, that they may join together to depose the present Managers, and fall all to pieces as soon as they have done.

2. *Tories, OCTOBER TORIES!* Tho' they are displeas'd with the present Ministry, only because they have restrain'd that Fury, with which these *October-Men* expected to Ruin the *Whigs*, yet now are contented to join with the *Whigs* against the Ministry, that overpowering the Ministry by their help, they may, at last, devour those very *Whigs* that help'd them—.

Let us Enquire into the Principle, upon which both these act, and then how long it is probable they may act together; how far they may go the same Road, to what length this Concert may be extended, and the like.

As to the Principle, 'tis the same; the very same we find express'd in that known Quotation.

Elætere si nequeo Superos, Acheronta movebo.

This is the very Case in our Nation at

*Changing of Sides is now no longer strange,
Men change their Principles as Parties Change;
And least Examples should be too remote,
An Ancient States-Man Infamous by Vote,
From Jacobite to Whig has chang'd his Note.* }

But to wave this part which ought to be the Subject of Banter and Satyr, not Wonder; and will be so in the Ages to come; let us Examine the New Concert itself, as to Duration, and let us Enquire a little how far these two can Travel together—The *Pors they Steer* so we all know is as remote

this Time, and that on both Sides, where the wildest Unions are now making by both, that were ever heard of, to carry on the furious Cause; they are fled to Hell for help on both Sides, I say to Hell, because it is apparent, they do that, which they themselves would, on either Side, have call'd formerly *raising the Devil*, and sure this must be the worst sort of Magick, for we all know it is with a Principle and Resolution to trample under their Feet afterwards, those very *Devils* they now make use of; and this all the while that both Reproach the Person they aim at, with the same Thing — *Whigs* Reproach him with going over to the *Tories*, and then join in with *Jacobites* themselves to over-match him; the *October-Men* Revile him with acting upon damo'd *Whigish Principles*, and then themselves fall in with the *Whigs* to reduce him.

Sure the *Whigs* we speak of, will no more blame any Party for going over, as they call it, or joining, no, not with the Devil, after this; after they join in with the sworn Mortal Enemies of the Revolution: Sure the *Jacobites* will no more call Moderation a *Whig Tincture*, when they can face about to the *Whigs*, who they Mob'd and Doer'd, and Bullied, and in short, Worried, and now are Malecontent, only because they could do no more to them.

from, and as Diametrically opposite to one another as the Poles, as Heaven and Hell, as Life and Death.

O WHIGS! Take a View of the Men ye Careless! of the Party ye join with! What is the Port they Steer for? What do they desire? Is it any Thing but the Ruin of

of the *Whigs*? Is not this what they lately put the whole Nation into a Flame for to compass? And what is it they Rail at the Queen and her Ministry for, but the Disappointment? When you have gain'd your Ends by the Treacherous part you are now acting, *as God be prais'd there is no great Danger*, What would be your Fate? Ask their Leaders, look into their Souls, What is it they aim at? Would they leave a *Whig* Unplunder'd, Undepos'd in the Nation? Would they suffer one of you in the Ministry, in the Management? Would they suffer a *Dissenter* to shew his Face? Nay, as much as they wanted your help, would they come in? would they close with you, till you had disarm'd, and entirely disabled yourselves, by giving up all the *Dissenters* to their Voracious Claws at once; till you had broken your Alliance, and betray'd your *Allies*? Are you the Men who Exclaim against separate Treaties, and private Negotiations? That Reproach the King of France with breaking Leagues and solemn Conventions? Have you not made a separate Treaty, abandon'd your Faithful *Allies* and Confederates, the *Dissenters*, and given them up ty'd Hand and Foot to their Sworn Enemies? Nay, are you not Leagu'd against them with the *Tories*, who have sworn their Destruction?

Never open your Mouths after this about publick Faith, the Honour of Treaties, Justice to *Allies*, and standing fast to Confederacies, and the like; whoever may complain of these Things, it is not for those I am speaking of, to open their Mouths about it now—

Now that the above Principle of our *October-Men* is not in the least Conceal'd, neither by themselves, or any for them, and the *Whigs* who are now joining with them know, that this is their said *Tory* Principle; upon what Foot is it possible these can be join'd with those? It is impossible, rationally speaking, it can be upon any other Notion than this; *That having made Tools of these OCTOBER-MEN, to bring to pass the Design immediately in Hand, They, (WHIGS) shall then be able to Master and Suppress, the said OCTOBER-PRINCIPLE and TORY-PARTY; and get the Government of Things into their own Hands—Vice Versa*, What can be the Aim of the *Tory*, High, Mad, *October-Man*, but this? *That when he has made a Tool of the Whig, to thwart and disappoint the present Affairs, he may get all in his own Hands, have his full Swing at Law, Constitution, Revolution, and every Thing, and Trample the Whig he has deceiv'd under his Feet.*

Nor can these Respective Parties, whose Mysterious Conjunction is thus Surprizingly effected, have any other Views than these—And this appears from the Reciprocal, Natural Contrariety in their very Being and Constitution, than which the Poles are not more opposite, or impossible to Unite.

How vain and unlikely this unnatural Conjunction now in Hand is; how Impracticable and Improbable, to answer the End, shall be farther Expos'd, in the Process of these Papers.

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